



**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/923,045

Applicant : DAVID E. RICHARDSON

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Title : DYNAMICALLY DRILLING-DOWN THROUGH A HEALTH  
MONITORING MAP TO DETERMINE THE HEALTH STATUS AND  
CAUSE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH NETWORK  
OBJECTS OF A MANAGED NETWORK ENVIRONMENT  
(AS AMENDED)

Confirmation No. : 1209

Art Unit : 2173

Examiner : HAILU, TADESSE

Atty Docket No. : 10990318-2

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 4, 2005, Applicant submits an RCE application and hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to Examination.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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